

AMENDMENTIN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a tube, the method comprising the steps of:

positioning the tube in a first stationary position relative to a mold, wherein an entirety of the mold is located outside of the tube;

forming an indentation on the tube with a the mold;

releasing the mold from the tube; and

moving the tube to a second stationary position relative to the mold; and

~~releasing the mold from the tube,~~ wherein the step of forming and releasing occur after the step of positioning the tube in the first stationary position, and the step of moving occurs after the step of releasing.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 1 further including the step of repeating the step of forming ~~an the~~ indentation when the tube is in the second stationary position.

3-4. (CANCELLED)

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of moving includes rotating the tube relative to the mold and axially translating the tube relative to the mold.

6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of moving includes axially translating the tube relative to the mold.

8. (CANCELLED)

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as recited in claim 5 further including the step of repeating the step of forming ~~an~~the indentation when the tube is in the second stationary position, wherein the step of rotating includes rotating the tube relative to the mold between approximately 5 to 10° between each of the step of repeating.

10-19. (CANCELLED)

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a tube, the method comprising the steps of:

positioning the tube in a mold at a first position, wherein an entirety of the mold is located outside of the tube;

forming an indentation ~~onerimping~~ the tube with the mold ~~to form an indentation in the tube~~;

releasing the mold from the tube;

axially translating the tube to a second position relative to the mold subsequent to the step of releasing the mold from the tube, wherein the tube rotates during the step of axially translating; and

forming a second indentation ~~onerimping~~ the tube with the mold ~~to form an additional indentation in the tube~~.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of forming a tube, the method comprising the steps of:

positioning the tube in a mold at a first position;

~~erimping~~ rolling the tube with a roller in the mold to form an indentation in the tube such that the roller engages the tube;

~~releasing the mold from the tube~~;

axially ~~and rotatably~~ translating the tube from the first position to a second position relative to the mold, wherein the step of rolling the tube occurs during the step of axially translating the tube such that the rollers continually engage the tube during the step of axially translating the tube ~~the tube is rotated between 5 and 10 degrees~~; and

~~releasing the mold from the tube after the step of axially translating the tube~~
~~crimping the tube with the mold to form an additional indentation in the tube subsequent to axially and rotatably translating the tube.~~

22. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 21 further including the step of rotating the tube, wherein the step of rotating the tube and the step of axially translating the tube occur simultaneously.

23. (NEW) The method as recited in claim 22 wherein the step of rotating the tube includes rotating the tube between 5 and 10 degrees.